



HEALTH ADVISORY, SPARE THE AIR ALERT

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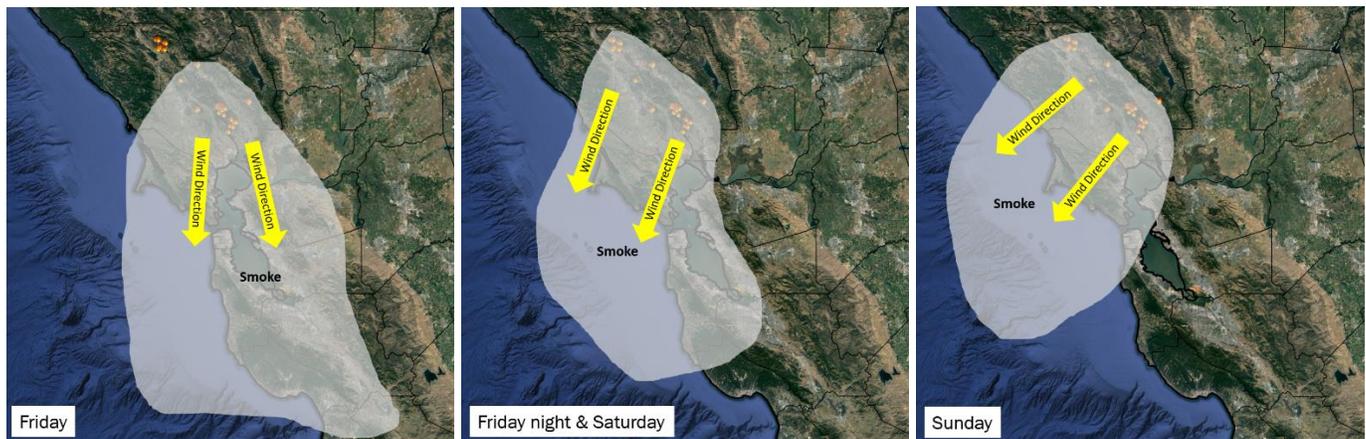
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Health Advisory & Spare the Air Alerts in effect through weekend

Smoke from North Bay wildfires will have region-wide impacts

SAN FRANCISCO – Air quality in the Bay Area continues to be very unhealthy, especially in the fire-impacted counties of Napa, Sonoma and Solano. The smoke plume from the fires has now moved to the South Bay and air quality will be unpredictable and impact the entire Bay Area through the weekend.

Due to active wildfires and changing wind patterns, air quality could be impacted for days to come. The graphics below show the smoke forecast through the weekend:



People in fire-impacted counties who must remain in the area are advised to use an N95 mask to help minimize breathing fine particles. The Air District will deliver a total of 40,000 N95 masks to fire-impacted counties. Masks have been or will be delivered to Sonoma, Napa, Solano and Marin counties and evacuation shelters.

N95 masks, when properly fitted, help filter fine particulates in wildfire smoke. Users should read and follow the manufacturer's directions carefully when using an N95 mask to maximize effectiveness.

It is imperative that Bay Area residents protect their health, especially in Napa, Sonoma and Solano counties. If possible, it is recommended that **residents impacted by heavy smoke seek buildings with filtered air such as public libraries and shopping malls OR move to areas outside the region less impacted by wildfire smoke until smoke levels subside.**

In other parts of the Bay Area, residents should protect themselves from the impacts of heavy smoke. If residents see or smell smoke in their immediate area, they should stay indoors, if possible, with windows and doors closed and air conditioning units on recirculate to avoid drawing outside air into buildings. Children, the elderly and those with respiratory conditions such as asthma, COPD, emphysema and heart disease are most impacted.

To check hourly air quality readings, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xnxJE>.

Because of the serious air quality conditions in parts of the Bay Area, we are asking residents to avoid adding additional air pollution by curtailing air polluting activities such as wood burning, lawn mowing and leaf blowing, driving, and barbecuing.

For information about the safe cleanup of fire ash, visit:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/carpa/toolkit/emerg-response/safe-cleanup-fire-ash.pdf>.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

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